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- 1. General Jacques Chaban-Delmas is president of the URAS, formerly the RPF. He is 38 years of age, born in the thirteenth arrondissement of Paris, of a good family from southwestern France. He took the name Chaban during the Resistance and added it to his real family name after the war. He was a second lieutement in the Army of the Alps, but had no opportunity to see action during the war. He entered the Resistance immediately after the armistice. In 1943 he was an official in industrial production. In the same year he entered the inspection of finance and joined the "Action" network, which worked out of London under the direction of Maurice Bourget-Manoury.
- 2. In 1944, he was delegate of the National Resistance, with the rank of brigadier general, concerned with military operations within the occupied territory. He served as liaison officer between General König, in London, and Alexander Parodi in Paris. At the Liberation, he belonged to the organization bureau of the army. In 1945 he became general secretary at the Information Ministry, with Jacques Soustelle and Andre Malraux. He resigned in 1946, after the withdrawal of General de Gaulle. In 1946 he became deputy of the Radical Socialists, elected in Bordeaux, where he has been steadily reelected ever since. He became mayor of Bordeaux in 1947.
- 3. He has a reliable character, is rather snappish, very independent in his attitude, but in his friendships true to the bitter end. He remains as true to General de Gaulle as he was in the beginning, has never forsaken him, not even in the last serious crisis. He is a realist, with a clear mind, is without prejudice in international relations.

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